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Rep. Stuck Votes to Take Up Student Debt Relief Bill

MADISON – Rep. Stuck issued the following statement after Assembly Democrats voted in favor of taking up the "Higher Ed, Lower Debt" bill, which would provide assistance and allow Wisconsin residents with student loans to refinance their student loans, similar to a car loan or a mortgage.

"I am disappointed that Assembly Republicans voted on a party-line to not to take up the 'Higher Ed, Lower Debt' bill today, which I am a proud co-sponsor of. Wisconsin is the third-worst in the nation in the percentage of graduates leaving college with student loan debt," stated Rep. Stuck, "and it is time that the Legislature took action to help address it."

"I know the challenges that current students are facing and that graduates are facing when it comes to student loans, I know, because I make payments each month to pay off my student loans. That is why I co-sponsored and voted to take up this bill today, a common sense solution which will save students and taxpayers significant money while boosting our economy," said Rep. Stuck. "By providing real relief to student loan borrowers, we will give more Wisconsinites the opportunity to own a car, to buy a house and to start a family."

"We all know that the best way to help our economy grow is to make sure that Wisconsinites have the ability to achieve financial stability, and by helping to ease their student loan debt we can help them do just that. This bill will help strengthen our Fox Cities Community, will help local economies grow and will help the State of Wisconsin move forward," stated Rep. Stuck. "Which is why I am disappointed that Legislative Republicans have yet to put forward any solutions and have shot down all Democratic ideas to help solve the student debt crisis."

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